



## MONTANA STATE PRISON HEALTH SERVICES OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE

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| Procedure No.: MSP HS B-01.5                                  | Subject: <b>DECONTAMINATION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT</b> |                                |
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### I. PURPOSE

To assure that all pieces of medical equipment are appropriately decontaminated in order to eliminate the spread of infectious and communicable diseases.

### II. DEFINITIONS none

### III. PROCEDURES

#### A. General requirements

1. The designated Infection Control RN will monitor to ensure that:
  - a. Medical equipment (exam tables, wheelchairs, stretchers, etc.) are cleaned on a regular basis using an approved disinfection cleaner that is EPA registered. Gloves and other appropriate protective equipment are worn by the individuals conducting these cleaning duties.
  - b. Medical instruments are never used more than once without proper decontamination between uses.
    - 1) Reusable sharps must be discarded into a container in the room where the procedure occurred. The container must be:
      - a) puncture resistant;
      - b) leak proof on bottom and sides;
      - c) color-coded or labeled;
      - d) maintained in an upright position;
      - e) closeable; and
      - f) sealed for transport.
    - 2) Reusable instruments are to be:
      - a) soaked in a surgical and laboratory ware detergent solution for a minimum of ten minutes;
      - b) scrubbed with a brush, being sure to open all hinges, locks, etc.;
      - c) rinsed carefully;
      - d) dried thoroughly;
      - e) placed in sterilization pouches or wrapped in autoclavable wrap;
    - 3) staff must wear a gown, gloves and face protection when scrubbing instruments; and
    - 4) packaged instruments are to be taken to the dental office and sterilized in the autoclave by trained personnel.

### IV. CLOSING

Questions concerning this operational procedure will be directed to the Health Services Manager.

### V. ATTACHMENTS none